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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR'S PRE-DEPARTURE MEETINGS WITH ANDREI, &
PUNGAN

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1. FOLLOWING ARE TOPICS AMBASSADOR MAY WISH TO TAKE UP WITH
EITHER ANDREI OR PUNGAN, IN ADDITION TO THOSE ALREADY ON
AGENDA:

2. WE WOULD LIKE A CLEARER PICTURE OF WHAT CEAUSESCU IS
LIKELY TO RAISE WITH THE PRESIDENT. YOU MAY TELL ANDREI AND/
OR PUNGAN THAT WE ANTICIPATE PRESIDENT CARTER WOULD WISH TO
DEVOTE MUCH OR MOST OF HIS TWO SESSIONS WITH CEAUSESCU TO AN
IN-DEPTH DISCUSSION OF GLOBAL ISSUES. FROM OUR SIDE, THESE
WOULD CERTAINLY INCLUDE THE MIDDLE EAST AND EAST-WEST
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(INCLUDING US-SOVIET) RELATIONS. OTHER GLOBAL TOPICS WOULD
DEPEND TO SOME EXTENT ON CEAUSESCU'S DESIRES, AND WE WOULD
LIKE TO HAVE AS MUCH ADVANCE NOTICE AS POSSIBLE TO ENSURE
THAT THE DISCUSSION IS WELL PREPARED AND CONSTRUCTIVE. AS
TO THE ORDER IN WHICH ISSUES ARE COVERED, WE SEE SOME ADVAN-
TAGE IN THE TWO PRESIDENTS DEALING FIRST WITH GLOBAL TOPICS.
THESE MIGHT, FOR EXAMPLE, CONSUME ALL OF THE MEETING BETWEEN

THE PRESIDENTS ON APRIL 12 AS WELL AS A PORTION OF THE

SECOND MEETING APRIL 13. BILATERAL ISSUES COULD BE COVERED IN THE LATTER PORTION OF THE APRIL 13 MEETING, AS WELL AS IN THE DISCUSSION WE HOPE CAN BE ARRANGED BETWEEN FOREIGN MINISTER ANDREI AND SECRETARY VANCE DURING THE AFTERNOON OF APRIL 13. WE WOULD LIKE THE GOR REACTION TO THESE IDEAS. (FYI: FOR TACTICAL REASONS IN WHICH WE BELIEVE YOU CONCUR, WE THINK THE BEST WAY TO GET THE CARTER-CEAUSESCU MEETINGS OFF TO A GOOD START IS FOR THE PRESIDENT TO TAKE CEAUSESCU INTO HIS CONFIDENCE ON GLOBAL ISSUES AND FOR THAT REASON WOULD STRONGLY PREFER THESE BE COVERED FIRST.)

2. YOU SHOULD ALSO INFORM ANDREI AND PUNGAN THAT WHILE WE HOPE CONVERSATION BETWEEN THE PRESIDENTS COULD FOCUS ON GLOBAL ISSUES, EMIGRATION AND MARRIAGE CASES ARE LIKELY TO ARISE IN THE CONTEXT OF HUMAN RIGHTS. IN THIS REGARD, WE WOULD HAVE BEEN PLEASED IF EMIGRATION TRENDS IN THE PAST SIX MONTHS HAD SHOWN A MORE FAVORABLE TURN. WE ARE PARTICULARLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE SHARP DROP-OFF IN EMIGRATION TO ISRAEL AND THE MANY LONG-STANDING MARRIAGE CASES. IN ADDITION, WE WERE HOPING THAT A HIGHER PROPORTION OF EMIGRATION REQUESTS IN WHICH THE USG HAS SHOWN A DIRECT REPEAT DIRECT INTEREST, AS REFLECTED IN OUR OFFICIAL REPRESENTATION LIST, WOULD BE APPROVED.
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3. YOU MIGHT ALSO WISH TO MENTION TO PUNGAN THAT WE WELCOME THE VISITS OF AVRAM AND OTHER COMMERCIAL DELEGATIONS BUT BELIEVE THAT A BIT MORE ADVANCE PLANNING MIGHT HAVE HELPED IN GETTING MORE RESULTS IN THIS IMPORTANT AREA OF OUR BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP. COOPER

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